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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR ATTEMPTS TO RAISE QUADRIPARTITE MATTERS
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REF: A) BONN 4817; B) BONN 3990; C) STATE 57488;
D) USBERLIN 633

1. AS A PROCEDURAL MATTER THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
THE US EMBASSY TO THE GDR AND THE OTHER ALLIED EMBASSIES
SHOULD RESPOND TO SUMMONSES FROM THE GDR FOREIGN

MINISTRY, REGARDLESS OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED (PARA 1A, REF B). WE SUGGEST THAT IF THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING IS CLEARLY ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE AND IS CLEARLY NOT A PROPER MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED IN THAT FORUM, THE EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT AN OFFICER WILL COME BUT THAT HE WILL NOT DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. IF A QUADRIpartite MATTER IS RAISED, THE EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD INTERRUPT THE CONVERSATION AS RECOMMENDED IN PARA 1B OF REFERENCE B.

2. AS A GENERAL POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED WHENEVER GDR OFFICIALS ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS THE QA OR OTHER QUADRIpartite MATTERS, WE AGAIN ENDORSE THE

RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN PARA 1B OF REFERENCE B AND ALSO DISCUSSED IN PARA 2 OF REFERENCE C. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THIS POLICY TO BE COORDINATED IN THE BONN GROUP AND UNIFORMLY IMPLEMENTED BY ALL INVOLVED (PARA 1D, REFERENCE B).

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO APPROACH THE SOVIETS AT THIS STAGE, (PARA 1C, REFERENCE B) PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF BRITISH OBJECTIONS TO DOING SO. THE SOVIETS ARE WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION AND ARE PRESUMABLY ALSO AWARE OF GDR
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ATTEMPTS TO RAISE THESE MATTERS WITH THE ALLIES. WE CAN HOLD THIS STEP IN RESERVE FOR USE IF THE PROBLEM BECOMES MORE ACUTE, AND POSSIBLY AT THE

HIGHER LEVEL INDICATED IN REFERENCE D. VANCE

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